

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

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Midwest Turf Clinic Takes Shape

As I write this we are nearing the end of another tough Chicago summer. It has been a long season and we are all hoping we are on the down-hill side of the climb. I'm sure the last thing on your mind is the educational program on tap for the 58th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic. However, Chuck Barber and I have been working diligently throughout the season on the program, in the hopes of creating an educational and entertaining day for all in attendance.

The program will feature Paul Vermeulen, Director of Competitions Agronomy for the PGA Tour and Tim Moraghan, former Championship Agronomist with the USGA and current Principal of Aspire Golf Consulting. Paul will be discussing the TOUR's tournament preparations, and in particular, how they approach the dual challenges of green speed and putting green firmness. Tim will be discussing a variety of topics that include everyday championship agronomy, what works and what doesn't. He will also go into career development, interviewing do's and don'ts, and generally wow us with his wealth of knowledge.

Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS of Medinah Country Club will also share with us some of the preparations Medinah will make in advance of the Ryder Cup in 2012. This will be a terrific event for the Chicago golf market and put the world golf spotlight in our area for a few days next year.

It will be a great day of education highlighted by respected individuals of our industry.

Jan Jarvis of Master of the Links will be our National Anthem performer again this year. I promise you this is a performance you will NOT want to miss. I can't believe how lucky we are to have a performer like Jan share his talents with us. Jim Cornelison of Chicago Blackhawks fame has nothing on our guy Jan!

As is customary, the event will be held at Medinah Country Club on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. There will be much more on tap so please mark your calendars for this great event.

There is no shortage of things to do between now and the Turf Clinic and I hope to see you at one of the MAGCS sponsored events: The iTurfExpo on September 22 at Midwest Golf House, the Midwest October Meeting hosted by John Nelson and Merit Club on October 3, and the joint educational meeting with the Club Managers Association on October 11 at Stonebridge Country Club. **-OC**



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